Amendments

Amendments to the Claims

- 1. (Currently Amended) A method of preparing a composition, said composition comprising [[a]] an isolated heterologous gene product and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier, said method comprising the steps of:
 - (a) inserting a gene coding for the heterologous gene product into an expression vector;
 - (b) transforming said expression vector into a commensal *Neisseria*;
 - (c) expressing said heterologous gene product in said commensal *Neisseria*;
 - (d) obtaining isolating said heterologous gene product from the Neisseria of (c); and
 - (e) combining the heterologous gene product of (d) with the pharmaceutically acceptable carrier, wherein said heterologous gene product is selected from
 (1) a product of a gene of a non-Neisserial organism and (2) a product of a gene of a pathogenic Neisseria.
- 2. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said commensal *Neisseria* is selected from the group consisting of *N. cinerea*, *N. lactamica*, *N. elongata*, *N. flava*, *N. flavescens*, *N. polysaccharea*, *N. sicca*, *N. mucosa*, *N. perflava* and *N. subflava*.
- 3. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the heterologous gene product is the product of a gene from of a pathogenic Neisseria.

- 4. (Previously presented) The method of claim 3, wherein the heterologous gene product is selected from the group consisting of transferrin binding protein; a Cu,Zn-SOD; an NspA; a porin; an outer membrane protein and fragments thereof.
- 5. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein said obtaining isolating comprises:
 - (i) suspending said commensal Neisseria cells in the presence of detergent; and
 - (ii) incubating the suspension-so as to extract;
 - (iii) extracting a protein fraction from the cells; and
 - (iv) isolating the heterologous gene product from the protein fraction.
- 6. (Previously presented) The method of claim 5, wherein the protein fraction is of molecular weight 50 kDa or lower when measured by SDS-PAGE.
- 7. (Previously presented) The method of claim 5, wherein the protein fraction is of molecular weight from 40 kDa to 90 kDa when measured by SDS-PAGE.
- 8. (Previously presented) The method of claim 5, wherein the protein fraction is of molecular weight at least 80 kDa when measured by SDS-PAGE.
 - 9-18. (Canceled).
 - 19. (Original) A composition obtained by the method of claim 1.

20-21 (Canceled).

- 22. (Currently amended) A method according to claim 1, wherein step (d) comprises obtaining isolating an outer membrane vesicle and wherein the outer membrane vesicle comprises said heterologous gene product.
 - 23. (Previously presented) A composition obtained by the method of claim 22.
 - 24-25. (Canceled).